Washington Association of Conservation Districts 16564 Bradley Road



WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

2004 ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION

"EXCELLING IN THE BUSINESS OF CONSERVATION"

NOVEMBER 28 – DECEMBER 1, 2004

THE SHERATON HOTEL Tacoma, Washington

"Whoever I am, or whatever I am doing, some kind of excellence is within my reach" - John W. Gardner

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Greetings!

On behalf of the WACD Officers and Directors, I would like to invite you to participate in the 63rd gathering of the Washington Association of Conservation Districts.

In the past year we have made great strides in the implementation of the WACD Strategic Plan thorough all of the hard work completed by the various WACD Committees in coordination with our conservation partners. We continue to move forward, addressing current issues as they are put before us. In addition, local districts are consistently in the forefront when it

comes to developing solutions regarding natural resource concerns, not only locally, but statewide.

The 2004 Annual Meeting program has been designed to assist you and your district in meeting the challenges ahead while maintaining the standard of excellence in natural resource policy and implementation that conservation districts are known for.

"If a man has good corn, or wood, or boards, or pigs to sell, or can make better chairs or knives, or crucibles, or church organs, than anybody else, you will find a broad, hard beaten road to his house, tho it be in the woods."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

We all continually strive to achieve the quality of work, both internally and on the ground, for which conservation districts are recognized. We hope you will join us in Tacoma as we explore opportunities to learn and grow — individually, as local districts, and as a state organization.

Sincerely,

Paul Stoker WACD President

~ HOTEL INFORMATION ~

The 63rd WACD Annual Meeting will be at the Sheraton Hotel in Tacoma, Washington.

Reservations: For reservations, please call the hotel at 1-253-572-3200 and request the group rate for WACD. A credit card is required to guarantee your reservations. Our block of rooms will be held until November 7th. Reservations requested after that date will be accepted on a space and rate availability basis.

Room Rates: The rate for a standard single or double is \$79.00 plus applicable taxes. Smoking rooms are available upon request. Parking fees are additional.

Check In: Check in time is 3:00pm and check out time is 12:00pm. Guests arriving before 3:00pm will be accommodated as rooms become available.

Hotel Location: The hotel is located at 1320 Broadway Plaza. From 1-5, take Exit 133 (City Center) to Highway 705. Stay in the center lane and follow City Center signs to 15th and Pacific Avenue Exit. Follow exit up 15th Street to Broadway Plaza and turn right. The hotel is on the corner of 13th street and Broadway Plaza.

Airport Shuttle: Capitol Aeroporter (800-962-3579). Rates: (as of 9/27) \$40.00/round trip; \$21.00/one way.

> "If we all did the things we are capable of, we would literally astound ourselves."

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2004

1:00pm - 7:00pm	Registration
2:00pm - 4:30pm	WACD Officers & Directors Meeting
5:00pm - 7:00pm	WACD Plant Materials Center Meeting
7:30pm - 9:00pm	Reception with WACD Leadership

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2004

7:00am - 8:00am	WADE Breakfast
8:00am - 4:00pm	Registration
8:15am - 10:00am	Opening Ceremony & Keynote Address
10:15am - 11:45am	General Session - "Building Excellence
	in YOUR Organization"
Noon - 2:00pm	Awards Luncheon
2:15pm - 4:30pm	Resolution and Committee Meetings
2:15pm - 4:45pm	TSP Training
5:00pm	Buses begin departure for "A Most
-	Excellent Evening" - dinner,
	entertainment and live auction
9:00 pm	Buses begin returning to hotel

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2004

7:00am - 8:30am	Partnership Breakfast
8:00am - Noon	Registration
Throughout the Day	WACD Committee Meetings
8:30am - 10:00am	"Tips of the Trade"
8:30am - 10:00am	"Better Planning for Best Results"
10:15am — 11:45am	"Building Excellence in Partnerships"
10:15am - 11:45am	"Maintaining Administrative Excellence"
Noon – 1:45pm	Special Luncheon
2:00pm - 5:00pm	WACD Business Meeting
6:00pm	No Host Social Hour
7:00pm	WACD Awards Banquet

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2004

7:00am - 8:15am	WACD Leadership Breakfast
8:30am - Noon	WACD Business Meeting
1:00pm - 5:00pm	Conservation Commission Meeting

Some opportunities you won't want to miss......

- Informational and inspirational speakers from across the country and around the state.
- Sessions on building excellence in your local and state programs.
- A special Technical Service Provider training.
- Building excellence in partnerships—examples from conservation districts on working together to promote conservation implementation.
- Updates on the status of the WACD Strategic Plan, and the continued work of the WACD Committees.
- Annual Auction a chance to support WACD
 Educational Programs as you enjoy a catered dinner,
 fellowship and fun.
- Presentation of educational, applied conservation, and district service awards.
- Election of 2005 WACD Officers, NACD National Director, Western Conservation Commission Representative.
- Opportunity to shape the direction of resource policy and implementation through the resolution process.
- A venue to discuss current issues with old friends and an opportunity to make new contacts that will enhance your district's effectiveness.

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This form may be duplicated. Please fill out a separate form for each paying attendee (spouse should be on the same form as paying attendee). All attendees except spouses and new supervisors) must pay the registration fee. Postmark Deadline: Friday, November 12, 2004. There will be an additional fee of \$40.00 for any registration received after the deadline. Email Address Spouse's Name (if registering on same form) Name Mailing Address City State ZIP District Representing: _____ District Employee _____ Federal Agency Board Member NACD Member _____NRCS _____ NACD Employee _____ State Agency Other **Registration** Quantity Total Fee Registration (no fee for spouse or new supervisors) 200.00 Late Registration (after November 12th or at Annual Meeting) \$ 240.00 Monday, November 29, 2004 WADE Breakfast <u>\$ 15.00</u> 20.00 Awards Luncheon Catered Dinner and Auction (free—but tell us how many) No Charge Tuesday, November 30, 2004 Partnership Breakfast \$ 15.00 Special Luncheon 20.00 WACD Banquet 30.00 Wednesday, December 1, 2004 WACD Leadership Breakfast (free for new supervisors) <u>\$ 15.00</u> 2005 NACD Affiliated Membership \$ 35.00 2005 WACD Legislative Fund 2005 WACD Educational Fund 2005 Non-Voting Affiliated Membership **TOTAL** Checks should be made payable to WACD Annual Meeting Mail Registration Form and Check to: WACD, 16564 Bradley Road, Bow, WA 98232 Refunds will be made on advanced payments if a request is received by November 19, 2004